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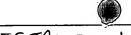
APPLICATION NO. FILING DATE FIRST NAMED INVENTOR ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 452948-1 .T ENGELBRECHT 12/07/99 09/455,651 **EXAMINER** IM62/0807 CAMERON, E BRIAN J LAURENZO DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP **ART UNIT** PAPER NUMBER 801 GRAND AVENUE 1762 **SUITE 3900** DES MOINES IA 50321 DATE MAILED: 08/07/00

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Group Art Unit 1762



Responsive to communication(s) filed on	
☐ This action is FINAL .	
☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except fo in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quay\@35	or formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensi 37 CFR 1.136(a).	respond within the period for response will cause the
Disposition of Claim	
XI Claim(s) <u>1-25</u>	is/are pending in the applicat
	is/are withdrawn from consideration
Claim(s)	is/are allowed.
	is/are rejected.
	is/are objected to.
	are subject to restriction or election requirement.
Application Papers	
 See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawir 	ng Review, PTO-948.
The drawing(s) filed on is/are of	
☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on	
☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.	
The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.	
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119	
Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority	under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
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received.	
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Attachment(s)	
☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892	AL (a)
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☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413	249
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Election/Restriction

- 1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-15 and 23, drawn to a composition, classified in class 528, subclass 10+.
 - II. Claims 16-22, drawn to a method of coating, classified in class 427, subclass 387.
 - III. Claims 24-25, drawn to an article, classified in class 428, subclass 446+.
- 2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

 Inventions of Group I and II are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case, the composition or product as claimed can be used in a materially different process, such as one in which the composition is extruded into a free-standing sheet.
- 3. Inventions of Group II and III are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the

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instant case, the product or article as claimed can be made by a materially different process, such as one in which the layers are laminated together.

- 4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
- 5. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II or III, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
- 6. A telephone call was made to Brian Laurenzo on August 3, 2000 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erma Cameron whose telephone number is (703) 308-2330.

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August 4, 2000